



DATING VIOLENCE

One third of high school students have been or will be involved in an abusive relationship.



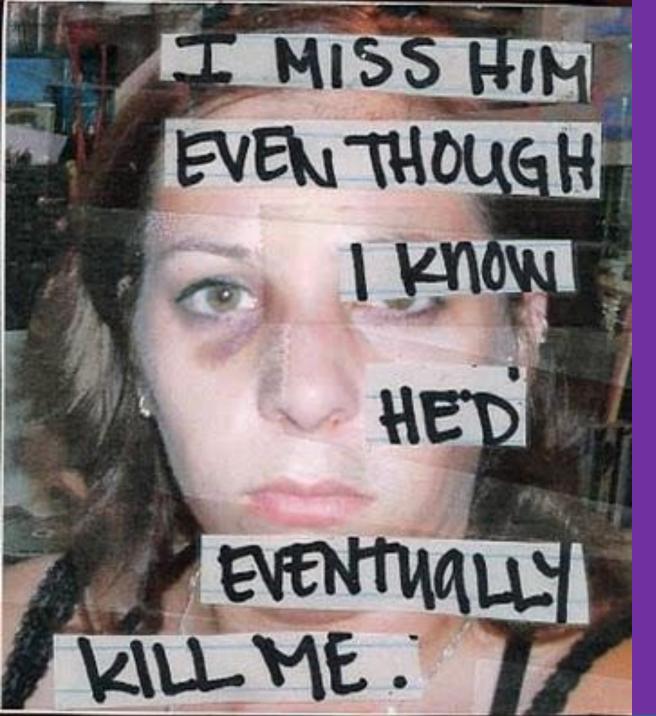
The Abuse of the Elderly

Can be:

- Physical
- Emotional
- Financial

Men can be victims of domestic abuse.





Why won't victims leave?

Commitment to relationship

No place to go
Fear of losing a place to
live

Economic Dependency

Fear of loss of child custody



CYCLE OF VIOLENCE

- Remorse
- Apology
- Tension
- Abuse

What can you do to prevent DV?



Don't Ignore it

If you witness it- REPORT IT!



Help a victim stay safe



Speak Out Against it



Support Legislation



Start with your children



Domestic Violence Assistance in Maryland

- The Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV)
- Comprehensive domestic violence centers
- Specialized programs
- Hospital-based programs
- Legal services for DV victims
- Cecil County DSS-DV/Sexual Assault Program
- Local Departments (for referrals to services)